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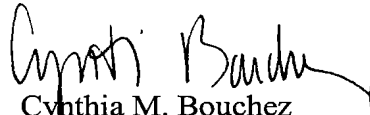
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/013099	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 18 November 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 1 December 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND DEVICE FOR TREATING TREES		
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